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SUBJECT: PROJECTED VISIT OF CIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REF: A. MOSCOW 14344; B. STATE 221796

1. NOVEMBER MIGHT NOT BE BEST STRATEGIC TIMING FOR CIES VISIT TO BUCHAREST SINCE PERIOD FALLS IN BETWEEN OCTOBER DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR NEW TWO-YEAR U.S.-ROMANIAN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT AND FINAL NEGOTIATIONS IN EARLY DECEMBER. EMBASSY AND ROMANIANS WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH RECONCILING DIFFERENCES IN DRAFTS, BUT CIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER USEFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR THAT ENTERPRISE. THEY COULD ALSO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT TWO NEW PROGRAMS INITIATED THIS YEAR- SHORT-TERM ROMANIAN RESEARCH GRANTS AND SHORT-TERM LECTURERS.

2. EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE CALLS AT MINED, NCST, MFA, AND AS TIME PERMITS, VISITS TO UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. COMING AS THE VISIT DOES ON HEELS OF EXHAUSTIVE JELAVICH TALKS HERE IN MAY/JUNE, EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO INFLICT ANOTHER FULL ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH CIES REPS ON ROMANIAN HOSTS. WE ANTICIPATE ROMANIANS THEMSELVES MAY NOT HAVE COMPLETED OFT-ADVERTISED REORDERING OF EXCHANGE PROGRAM PRIORITIES BEFORE END OF YEAR AND DISCUSSION MIGHT PROVE INCONCLUSIVE.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER BUCHAREST VISIT TO FOLLOW MOSCOW

TRIP IN MID-NOVEMBER. WE SUGGEST THREE TO FIVE WORKING DAYS IF VISIT CONFINED TO BUCHAREST, WITH ADDITIONAL TIME ALLOWED IF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANT TO VISIT PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES. WE CONCUR WITH DEPT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT VISITORS INCLUDE ONE SOCIALIST SCIENTIST AND ONE PHYSICAL SCIENTIST.
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